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SUBJECT: DAILY SUMMARY OCTOBER 21

FOR EASUM FROM MULCAHY EYES ONLY

1. YOU WILL BE INTERESTED NO DOUBT TO KNOW THAT WHEN I RECEIVED CHADIAN AMBASSADOR ALINGUE THIS AFTERNOON I FELT SURE HE WOULD WISH TO EXPLAIN THE COG'S RATIONALE FOR ASKING US TO DISCONTINUE OUR GRAIN AIRLIFT AS A REACTION TO HENRY KAMM'S TWO RECENT UNFAVORABLE PIECES ON CHAD. I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS FOREIGN MINISTER (WHO IS IN NEW YORK) WAS AWARE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S REACTION. WHEN HE ASKED MY ADVICE I SUGGESTED THAT THE TIMES WOULD PROBABLY BE AMENABLE TO PUBLISHING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OR AN OP-ED ARTICLE IF HE WOULD PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARE ONE TO COUNTERACT KAMM'S PIECES. I DECLINED HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT REMONSTRATE WITH THE TIMES.

2. JIM BLAKE MET TODAY WITH A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, A REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUP CREATED BY SENEGAL, MALI AND MAURITANIA TO DEVELOP THE AGRICULTURAL AND NAVIGATION POTENTIAL OF THE SENEGAL RIVER. THE DELEGATION, WHICH WAS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, IS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS WITH US THE POSSIBLE "DEFINITION" OF THE CONTRIBUTION THE US HAS AGREED TO MAKE TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE DELEGATION WAS ASSURED THAT A CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE AFTER MODALITIES HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THE CONGRESS. INGERSOLL

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